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**Meeting Minutes
Fire & Life Safety Building Standards Advisory Board
Thursday April 17, 2003
Sacramento, California**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Randy Roxson, Chair
Jack Woycheese, Public Member
Robert Rowe, Public Member
Daniel Gemeny, Vice Chair/California Society of Fire Protection Engineers
James Monty, California Fire Chiefs Association
Tom Harvey, California Fire Chiefs Association
Dennis Lockard, California Fire Chiefs Association
Stephen Jensen, County Building Officials Association of California
Lee A. Braun, California Building Officials
Edward Saltzberg, Mechanical Engineer
Alfred Avery Smith, Licensed Contractor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

William Drake, Electrical Engineer
Stuart F. Buck, California Council of American Institute of Architects

STAFF PRESENT:

Gini Krippner, Division Chief
Leslie R Haberek, Deputy SFM III Specialist (afternoon session)
Rodney Slaughter, Deputy SFM III Specialist
Susan Kingren, Management Services Technician
Bruce Crane, Staff Council for Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Sylvia Gauntlett, Office Technician

GUESTS:

Rick Terry, San Ramon FPD NORCAL Chief Assoc
Robert Raymer, California Building Industry Association
Doug Hoffner, CALBO -Executor Director
Brian Heyman, Fire & Life Safety Officer- State Architecture
Glen Jacobs P.E., Complere Engineering Group
Jim Hill, LA FD
Manny Muniz, CALBO
Ray Bizal, NFPA
Christina Jamison, Ventura County FD
Eric Carlson, Livermore-Pleasanton FD
Steve Kiefer, City of Livermore
John Henry, ICC
Joe Perry, Napa FD
Dave Wells, HCD
Kevin Reinertson, HCD
Chris Ochoa, Ochoa Law Firm
Laura Blaul, Orange County FD
Jim de Leone, LA County FD
Gary Keith, NFPA
Page Dougherty, ICC
Dave Nuss, NFPA
Steve Trout, Sacramento Metropolitan FD
Dennis Mattisen, Roseville FD
Byron Foster, OSHPD
David Martinez, CALBO
Kent Miller, Stockton FD
Ken Kraus, LAFD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Randy Roxson, Chairperson of the Fire & Life Safety Building Standards Advisory Board called the meeting to order at 9:45 am at OES Conference room MPR1, 3650 Schriever Avenue, Rancho Cordova, California.

II. MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 26, 2003

Motion was made by James Monty; seconded by (did not state name) to approve February meeting minutes as written. Motion passed

III. REGULATION UPDATE

Rodney Slaughter presented the board with updates on Title 24 (on behalf of Leslie Haberek) and Title 19.

A) REGULATIONS FOR R-2 OCCUPANCIES (SB 1896) AND DELAYED EGRESS CONTROL DEVICES FOR ADULT DAY CARE (SB 1361)

Submitted to the State Building Standards Commission (CBSC) as emergency packages and will be heard at the CBSC May 14, 2003 meeting. The proposed effective date is May 15, 2003.

B) PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR TITLE 19

The package to replace Group D and I-1A/I-2A occupancies in Title 19 with Group R-2 and Group R-6 occupancies has been approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL).

C) NO OTHER ACTIONS PENDING IN REGARDS TO REGULATION CHANGES

**Chief Roxson requested an amendment on the agenda; to move Item # 7, Public Comment, to be moved after 6 (b) Open Discussion agenda item.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A) HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE AND ROOFING STANDARDS

This item was tabled for the next meeting scheduled on May 2, 2003.

B) ANNUAL RULE MAKING CALENDAR

Division Chief, Gini Krippner discussed the Annual Rulemaking Calendar which was enclosed in the agenda packets. The 2003 rulemaking calendar contains proposed future rulemaking. It is provided to the board for information only as an indication of future action needed by the board.

C) RULEMAKING CYCLE / TIME FRAMES

Bob Raymer (CBIA) inquired on whether the State Fire Marshal's Office and other agencies had come to agreement with the Building Standards Commission to move the submittal deadline from the original July 1, 2003 date to October 1, 2003. Gini Krippner acknowledged that SFM is proceeding with the October 1st date, per the commission, until otherwise notified.

IV. NEW BUISNESS:

A) OPERATION CODE COMPARISON

Gini Krippner gave a presentation on Operation Code Comparison and the 10 Task Groups. The purpose of Operation Code Comparison was to compare the level of fire and life safety in our current codes with the proposed model codes and to help facilitate the Fire & Life Safety Building Standards Advisory Board and State Board of Fire Services analysis of the proposed codes. The Incident Command System was utilized to develop task groups composed of the members from the California Fire Chiefs Association, Fire Prevention Officers Associations (North and South) and Senior Deputy State Fire Marshal staff, with additional support given by the Division of the State Architect, Department of Housing and Community Development, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. There were 48 persons directly participating in this process from 17 different fire jurisdictions, 1 building department, and 2 consultants. The comparison was made on specified State Fire Marshal regulated occupancies with identified elements including, but not limited to, exiting, fire protection systems, and fire alarm systems. The FLSAB will submit their recommendation to the State Fire Marshal. That recommendation will be referred to the State Board of Fire Services who will make their recommendation to the State Fire Marshal. The State Fire Marshal will submit his recommendation to the Building Standards Commission.

B) OPEN DISCUSSION (CODE COMPARISON DOCUMENT)

Motion was made by Tom Harvey; seconded by Lee Braun that the board include the majority vs. minority vote of the board members' recommendations when presented to the State Fire Marshal. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Dennis Lockhard; seconded by Jack Woycheese to adopt one (1) family of codes to include the Fire Code, Building code and Residential Code. Motion passed.

- The board requested that in addition to the building code presentation given at the April 26, 2003 meeting, that ICC and NFPA give some historical background on the Fire Code. Page Daugherty with ICC and Dave Nuss, with NFPA gave a fifteen minute presentation on the Fire code.

- State Fire Marshal only adopts fire protection issues that pertain to the impact of structures.
- The Building Standards Commission only requires the State Fire Marshal's Office to adopt the most current model code. It is not based on whether it is more or less restrictive than previous code.
- Considerations were established for the boards' analysis for each of the codes:
 ** (Considerations are not in priority order)
 - Level of Safety
 - User friendly
 - Ease of Correlation
 - History of Code Purveyors
 - Economic considerations - cost to implement by local jurisdictions; impact on business and local jurisdictions.
 - Support Services
 - Input of state, local, building, fire representatives to the model code development processes
 - Consideration of other state agencies comparisons
 - How much state and local amendments will be required.

Motion was made by Jack Woycheese; seconded by Robert Rowe to apply the above considerations in adoption of a new model code. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Jack Woycheese; seconded by Dennis Lockard: to invite the Operation Code Comparison Groups to speak on their topic to help facilitate their thoughts as they went through the comparison process. Discussion followed. Motion was withdrawn.

Motion was made by Jack Woycheese; seconded by Tom Harvey; to invite ICC and NFPA to provide input on their opinion of the code comparison. Discussion followed. Motion fails.

- Clarification by Gini Krippner was made to the advisory board members:
 - The job of the task groups was to compare the model codes to the currently adopted code and to identify whether they provided a higher level of protection, a lower level of protection, or were equal. The task groups were instructed to not make a recommendation or give opinion of which code to adopt.
 - The job of the advisory board members is to analyze model code and make a recommendation to the State Fire Marshal.

Lee Braun suggested that the meeting move forward. Motion by Jack Woycheese was withdrawn.

- Discussion on the code comparison began on the Model Code Adoption Process. Questions and Clarification from the board were made on the adoption processes of ICC and NFPA as follows:

- Process Methodology
- Accreditation
- Membership Dues/Voting Fees
- Committee membership
- Revision Cycles

Motion was made by Daniel Gemeny; seconded by Lee Braun to carry over item 6 B to the next meeting Motion passed.

C) RECOMMENDATION OF MODEL CODE

Due to the limited time the board had to review the Code Comparison documents, recommendation of model code would be deferred to the next board meeting set for May 2, 2003.

V. FUTURE MEETING DATE

May 2, 2003 8:30am @ OES Headquarters MPR-2. Any members of the board that can not attend future meeting can directly communicate their comments and opinions to State Fire Marshal John Tennant.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:00 pm motion was made and seconded to continue this meeting on May 2, 2003 at 8:30 am. Motion passed.